



FACULTY OF ARTS
DEPARTMENT OF PHILOSOPHY

PHIL 249 Lec 01 – “Morality, Virtue and Society”

Fall Term 2013

Course Outline

Lectures: MWF 10:00-10:50 (SA 104)

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Course Description

This is an introductory survey course in ethical theory. We will begin by asking questions about value and the meaning of life: is happiness all that matters? Does the good consist in getting what we desire? Must a meaningful life include autonomy? We will then turn to questions about the relation between religion and morality, about whether there is an objective moral truth and about altruism and egoism. After the midterm, we will look at some of the central moral theories of the western tradition: consequentialism, deontology, pluralism, virtue ethics and feminist ethics. Our examination of moral theory will be paired with an examination of some issues in applied ethics such as our obligations to the poor, moral relations with animals and the environment and abortion.

Required Texts

Russ Shafer-Landau, *The Fundamentals of Ethics* 2nd edition, Oxford University Press, 2012
Russ Shafer-Landau, *The Ethical Life*, 2nd edition, Oxford University Press, 2012

Evaluation

10 (of 12) quizzes	10%	In-class on Fridays
10 (of 12) discussion questions	10%	In-class on Mondays or Wednesdays as indicated on detailed course schedule
6 Tutorial Assignments	30%	Due as indicated on detailed course schedule
Midterm exam	25%	Written in two parts: October 23-short answer section; October 25- essay section.
Final Exam (3 hours)	25%	To be scheduled by the Registrar The final exam will be closed book and will include both short answer and essay sections.

All graded assignments will be based on both lectures and readings.

Writing and the grading thereof is a factor in the evaluation of work in both Tutorial Assignments and in the midterm and final exams.

Weekly quizzes will be based on material assigned for reading and material covered in lecture in that week. There will be 12 quizzes given. Your grade will be based on completing 10 of them.

Discussion questions will be posted on Blackboard prior to the class. Students will bring a short written answer to class written on one side of a 4x6 index card. After in-class discussion in assigned groups of four, each student will record on the other side of the card how (or whether) their views changes as a result of the discussion. There will be 12 discussion questions given. Your grade will be based on completing 10 of them.

Grading Scale

A+	96-100	B+	83-86.9	C+	68-72.9	D+	54-58.9
A	90-95.9	B	78-82.9	C	64-67.9	D	50-53.9
A-	87-89.9	B-	73-77.9	C-	59-63.9	F	Below 50

Policy on Late Assignments

Discussion questions must be handed in at the end of class on the due date. No late submissions will be accepted. Quizzes may only be done in class on the days scheduled. Missed quizzes will not be scheduled. There will be more than 10 discussion questions and quizzes assigned and the grade will be based on the best 10. So, up to two of each can be missed without penalty.

Late Tutorial Assignments will be docked 10% per day except for reasons of illness or family emergency. Documentation must be provided. Exams must be written when scheduled except for reasons of illness or family emergency. Documentation must be provided.

Class Schedule:

Below is the schedule of readings and assignments. The readings may occasionally deviate from the schedule depending on class uptake. The dates for assignments are firm.

The readings from *The Fundamentals of Ethics* are given by chapter number (or page number if only part of a chapter is assigned). The readings from *The Ethical Life* are given by the name of the author followed by the number of the selection in parentheses.

Students are to come to class having completed the reading assigned for that day. Students are responsible for the content of all readings whether explicitly discussed in class or not.

Tutorials:

This class has tutorials. The main focus of the tutorials will be the tutorial assignments and how to write an essay for assignments and exams.

There will be no tutorials the first week of classes and the week of the midterm exam.

Detailed Class Schedule

Monday	Wednesday	Friday
<p>September 9</p> <p>Introduction</p> <p>No reading</p>	<p>September 11</p> <p>Introduction <i>Fundamentals of Ethics: Intro</i> <i>Ethical Life: Intro</i></p>	<p>September 13</p> <p>Quiz 1</p> <p>Value <i>Fundamentals of Ethics: Ch. 1</i></p>
<p>September 16</p> <p>Discussion Question 1</p> <p>Value <i>Ethical Life: Epicurus (1)</i></p>	<p>September 18</p> <p>Value <i>Fundamentals of Ethics: Ch. 2</i> <i>Ethical Life: Mill (2)</i></p>	<p>September 20</p> <p>Quiz 2</p> <p>Value <i>Fundamentals of Ethics: Ch. 2</i></p>
<p>September 23</p> <p>Discussion Question 2</p> <p>Value <i>Ethical Life: Huxley (3)</i> <i>Nozick(4)</i></p>	<p>September 25</p> <p>Value <i>Fundamentals of Ethics: Ch. 3</i></p>	<p>September 27</p> <p>Quiz 3</p> <p>Value <i>Fundamentals of Ethics: Ch. 4</i> <i>Ethical Life: Kazez (6)</i></p> <p>Tutorial Assignment 1 Due 4 pm</p>
<p>September 30</p> <p>Morality and Religion <i>Fundamentals of Ethics: Ch. 5</i></p>	<p>October 2</p> <p>Discussion Question 3</p> <p>Morality and Religion <i>Ethical Life: Plato (7)</i></p>	<p>October 4</p> <p>Quiz 4</p> <p>Status of Morality <i>Fundamentals of Ethics: Ch. 19</i> <i>Ethical Life: Gensler (19)</i></p> <p>Tutorial Assignment 2 Due 4 pm</p>
<p>October 7</p> <p>Discussion Question 4</p> <p>Status of Morality <i>Fundamentals of Ethics: Ch. 19</i></p>	<p>October 9</p> <p>Status of Morality <i>Fundamentals of Ethics: Ch. 21</i> <i>Ethical Life: Bambrough (21)</i></p>	<p>October 11</p> <p>Quiz 5</p> <p>Status of Morality <i>Fundamentals of Ethics: Ch. 21</i> <i>Ethical Life: Bambrough (21)</i></p>
<p>October 14</p> <p>THANKSGIVING NO CLASSES</p>	<p>October 17</p> <p>Discussion Question 5</p> <p>Psychological Egoism <i>Fundamentals of Ethics: Ch. 7</i></p>	<p>October 19</p> <p>Quiz 6</p> <p>Ethical Egoism <i>Fundamentals of Ethics: Ch. 8</i> <i>Ethical Life: Rand (9)</i></p> <p>Tutorial Assignment 3 Due 4 pm</p>
<p>October 21</p> <p>Discussion Question 6</p> <p>Ethical Egoism <i>Ethical Life: Harris (26)</i></p>	<p>October 23</p> <p>In-class test part 1</p>	<p>October 25</p> <p>In-class test part 2</p>

<p><i>October 28</i></p> <p>Consequentialism <i>Fundamentals of Ethics: Ch. 9</i></p>	<p><i>October 30</i> Discussion Question 7</p> <p>Consequentialism <i>Ethical Life: Singer (22)</i></p>	<p><i>November 1</i> Quiz 7</p> <p>Consequentialism <i>Fundamentals of Ethics: Ch. 10</i> <i>Ethical Life: Smart (10)</i></p> <p>Tutorial Assignment 4 Due 4 pm</p>
<p><i>November 4</i></p> <p>Kant <i>Fundamentals of Ethics: Ch. 11</i> <i>Ethical Life: Kant (11)</i></p>	<p><i>November 6</i> Discussion Question 8</p> <p>Kant <i>Ethical Life: Bennett (24)</i></p>	<p><i>November 8</i> Quiz 8</p> <p>Kant <i>Fundamentals of Ethics: Ch. 12</i> <i>Kant (11)</i></p>
<p>November 11</p> <p>REMEMBRANCE DAY NO CLASS</p>	<p>November 13 Discussion Question 9</p> <p>Doing and Allowing <i>Ethical Life: Foot (34)</i></p>	<p>November 15 Quiz 9</p> <p>Ethical Pluralism <i>Fundamentals of Ethics: Ch. 15</i></p> <p>Tutorial Assignment 5 Due 4 pm</p>
<p>November 18</p> <p>Ethical Pluralism <i>Fundamentals of Ethics: Ch. 16</i> <i>Ethical Life: Ross (13)</i></p>	<p>November 20 Discussion Question 10</p> <p>Virtue Ethics <i>Fundamentals of Ethics: Ch. 17</i> <i>Ethical Life: Aristotle (14)</i></p>	<p>November 22 Quiz 10</p> <p>Virtue Ethics <i>Fundamentals of Ethics: Ch. 17</i> <i>Ethical Life: Aristotle (14)</i></p>
<p>November 25 Discussion Question 11</p> <p>Virtue Ethics <i>Ethical Life: Norcross (29)</i></p>	<p>November 27</p> <p>Virtue Ethics <i>Ethical Life: Hill (31)</i></p>	<p>November 30 Quiz 11</p> <p>Feminist Ethics <i>Fundamentals of Ethics: Ch. 18</i> <i>Ethical Life: Lindeman (15)</i></p> <p>Tutorial Assignment 6 Due 4 pm</p>
<p>December 2 Discussion Question 12</p> <p>Feminist Ethics <i>Ethical Life: Thomson (32)</i></p>	<p>December 4</p> <p>Feminist Ethics <i>Ethical Life: Thomson (32)</i></p>	<p>December 6 Quiz 12</p> <p>Review</p>

Academic Honesty

Cheating or plagiarism on any assignment or examination is regarded as an extremely serious academic offence, the penalty for which may be an F on the assignment, an F in the course, academic probation, or requirement to withdraw from the University. See the relevant sections on 'Academic Misconduct' in the current University Calendar. Intellectual honesty requires that your work include adequate referencing to sources. Plagiarism occurs when you do not acknowledge or correctly reference your sources. If you have questions about correct referencing, consult your instructor.

Academic Accommodation

It is the student's responsibility to request academic accommodation. If you are a student with a permanent disability or temporary impairment who may require academic accommodation, you must first register with the Student Accessibility Resource Office located in MacEwan Student Centre 452; phone 403-220-8237; email access@ucalgary.ca. Students who have not registered with the Student Accessibility Office are not eligible for academic accommodation. You are also required to discuss your needs with your instructor no later than fourteen (14) days after the start of this course. Go to <http://www.ucalgary.ca/access/> for further information.

Blackboard Help

Go to <http://www.ucalgary.ca/computersupport/onlineservices/blackboard> for Student Help and FAQs about Blackboard. Troubleshooting tips and a tutorial are available at <http://elearn.ucalgary.ca/blackboard/students>.

Student Advising and Information Resources

- **General Academic Concerns** – Have a question but not sure where to start? The Faculty of Arts' Program Information Centre (PIC) is your information resource for everything in Arts. Drop in at SS110, call 403-220-3580, or email artsads@ucalgary.ca. You can also visit the Faculty of Arts website at <http://arts.ucalgary.ca/undersgraduate> for detailed information on common academic concerns.
- **Program Planning** – For assistance and advice in planning your program through to graduation, contact the Student Success Centre at 403-220-5881 or visit it on the 3rd Floor of the Taylor Family Digital Library.
- **Advice on Philosophy Courses** – You may find answers to your more specific questions about a philosophy degree on the Department of Philosophy's website <http://phil.ucalgary.ca> or contact one of Philosophy's current Undergraduate Advisors (see below)
- **Registration Overload/Prereq Waivers** – If you are seeking to register in a Philosophy course that is full or to get permission to waive the prereqs for a course, email the instructor of the course.

Protection of Privacy

The University of Calgary is under the jurisdiction of the provincial Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy (FOIP) Act. The Department of Philosophy ensures the student's right to privacy by requiring all graded assignments be returned to the student directly from the instructor.

Student Ombudsperson and Students' Union Representatives

The Student Ombuds Office provides independent, impartial, and confidential support for students who require assistance or advice in addressing issues and concerns related to their academic careers. For more information, see www.ucalgary.ca/provost/students/ombuds. For the Students' Union Faculty of Arts rep: arts1@ucalgary.ca.

Safewalk

Call 403-220-5333 (24/7/365) for a Safewalk volunteer to accompany you safely to your destination on campus including parking lots, housing, and the LRT station or use a Campus Help Phone.

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